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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the recent petition to close off competition and squeeze out of the marketplace smaller broadband providers. I do not support closing off broadband competition because I have benefited as a consumer from having more than just a few providers to choose from.

Specifically, I am a Sonic customer who switched from a major carrier to Sonic a year ago because of their more competitive prices and better service. At the time of the switch, my neighborhood was still on DSL but shortly thereafter Sonic installed fiber. I have been very happy with Sonic, and their service and price has been much better than my previous provider. For example, my previous provider's speed was very slow and service would drop off unexpectedly, leaving our family stranded in the middle of performing business on the computer. With Sonic, service very rarely drops off and the speed is much faster. I also use Sonic as my landline telephone provider as well, and have found their rates very reasonable.

Please keep the broadband marketplace competitive for consumers!

Best regards,

Pauline Scholten